

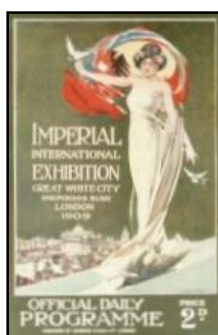
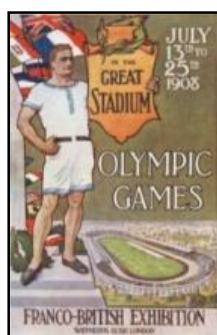
‘White City’ Exhibitions

Supported by King Edward VII, a trade exhibition with France was proposed to promote ‘Entente Cordiale’ between the two nations. To finance the operation, **Imre Kiralfy** (1845-1919) formed the *International and Colonial Commercial Company Ltd*, although the name changed in December 1908 to *Shepherd’s Bush Exhibition Ltd*. In 1906, plans got underway, and early in 1907 work started on the ‘Great White City Exhibition Grounds & Stadium’ on 140 acres of farmland at Shepherds Bush. The sports Stadium was a ‘last-minute’ addition when London took over hosting the Olympics from Italy. The White City was so named because of the white, marble-effect exterior to the buildings. It included 120 exhibition buildings, and 20 pavilions designed in an Oriental style, linked by a network of roads, bridges, and waterways. The Franco-British Postcard illustrated below (Posted 8th July 1908) also shows to the lower right, a corner of the ‘Olympic’ Stadium.



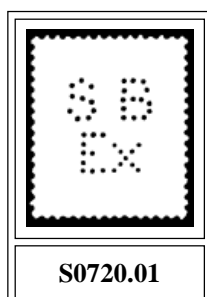
In all, **six** International Exhibitions were held at the White City up to the outbreak of the Great War in 1914. During the war, the site was used as a drilling ground for army recruits.

1. Franco-British Exhibition of 1908, 14th May - 31st October.
2. Imperial International Exhibition (Britain, France & Russia), 20th May - October 1909.
3. Japan-British Exhibition of 1910, 14th May - 29th October.
4. ‘Coronation’ Exhibition of 1911, opened 18th May.
5. Latin-British Exhibition of 1912.
6. Anglo-American Exposition of 1914., opened 16th May.



Selection of ‘ephemera’ from five of the six International events.
(Courtesy of ‘The Museum of London’).

Two Shepherd's Bush 'Exhibition' related Perfin Dies are known.



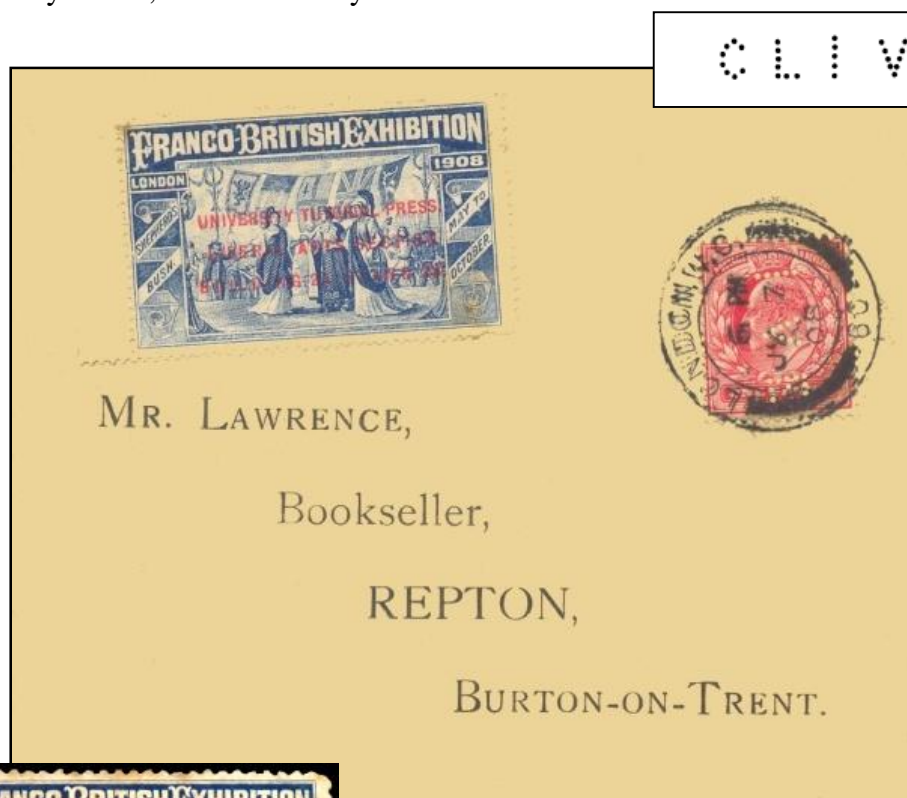
In use: 1909-1912.
 Dates: 29 Apr 1909 - 16 July 1912.
 Issues: F ½d (ye-gn), 1d-3d
 H ½d, 1d
 Ident: Shepherd's Bush Exhibition Ltd,
 Shepherd's Bush, London W.
 Formerly International &
 Colonial Commercial Co Ltd.
 Pmks: Shepherd's Bush, London W.,
 including 'Imperial International',
 'Japan-British', and 'Coronation
 Exhibition' special postmarks,
 'SHE' in Triangle, and Night Mail.



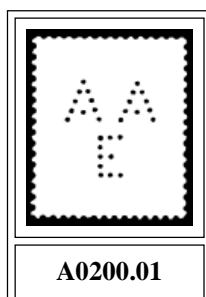
Examples showing an 'Imperial International' cancel dated AU 13/09, and a 'Japan-British Exhibition', postmarked (Sheph)erds Bush, 26 MR/10.

Note: Perfin Society issue code letters have been used to detail the stamp issues involved.
 See the rear of the study for an explanation.

This cover has a sideways perfinned postage stamp "IVE", part of the carpet die "CLIVE" (C4522.01), thought to have been used by *W B Clive & Co*, Educational Booksellers, 13A Holywell St, Strand, London WC, as well as a special 'Exhibition' stamp overprinted 'University Tutorial Press, Liberal Arts Section, Building 24, Stand 23'. The cover, courtesy of the late Terry Wood, is dated 7th July 1908.



<<< Another example of the 'special' stamp without the overprint.



In use: 1913-1915.
 Dates: 18 Nov 1913 - 16 Dec 1915.
 Issues: I(RC) ½d, 1d

Ident: Anglo-American Exposition,
 Shepherd's Bush,
 London W.
 {Opened 16th May 1914}.
 Pmks: Shepherds Bush, London W.

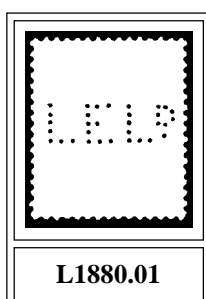


Example used in the months leading up to the
 Anglo-American Exposition. Postmarked
 Sheph(erds Bush), .. JA/14.



<<< Corner detail from John Frost's Exposition
 cover using the "AA/E" Perfin, cancelled
 with a Shepherds Bush Exhibition cancel
 dated 18th August 1914.
 {See p10 Bulletin N^o.282, June 1996}.

Imre Kiralfy had previously directed exhibitions at Earl's Court staged by "**The London Exhibitions Limited**", known to have used "LEL^d." (L1880.01). It would appear that the earlier Earls Court die is a little easier to come by than those of Shepherds Bush.



In use: 1895-1910.
 Dates: 4 May 1896 - 22 Apr 1909.
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots)
 E ½d (both), 1½d-3d
 F ½d(ye-gn), 1d, 1½d, 2½d
 F 3d, 4d (gr/bn), 5d, 1/-

Note: Perfin *usually* found sideways.

Ident: The London Exhibitions Ltd,
 Earl's Court, London SW.
 Pmks: '34' Earl's Court, London SW.



Example showing the London District
 '34' Duplex issued to Earl's Court.

Examples showing use
 throughout the 1895-1910
 period.

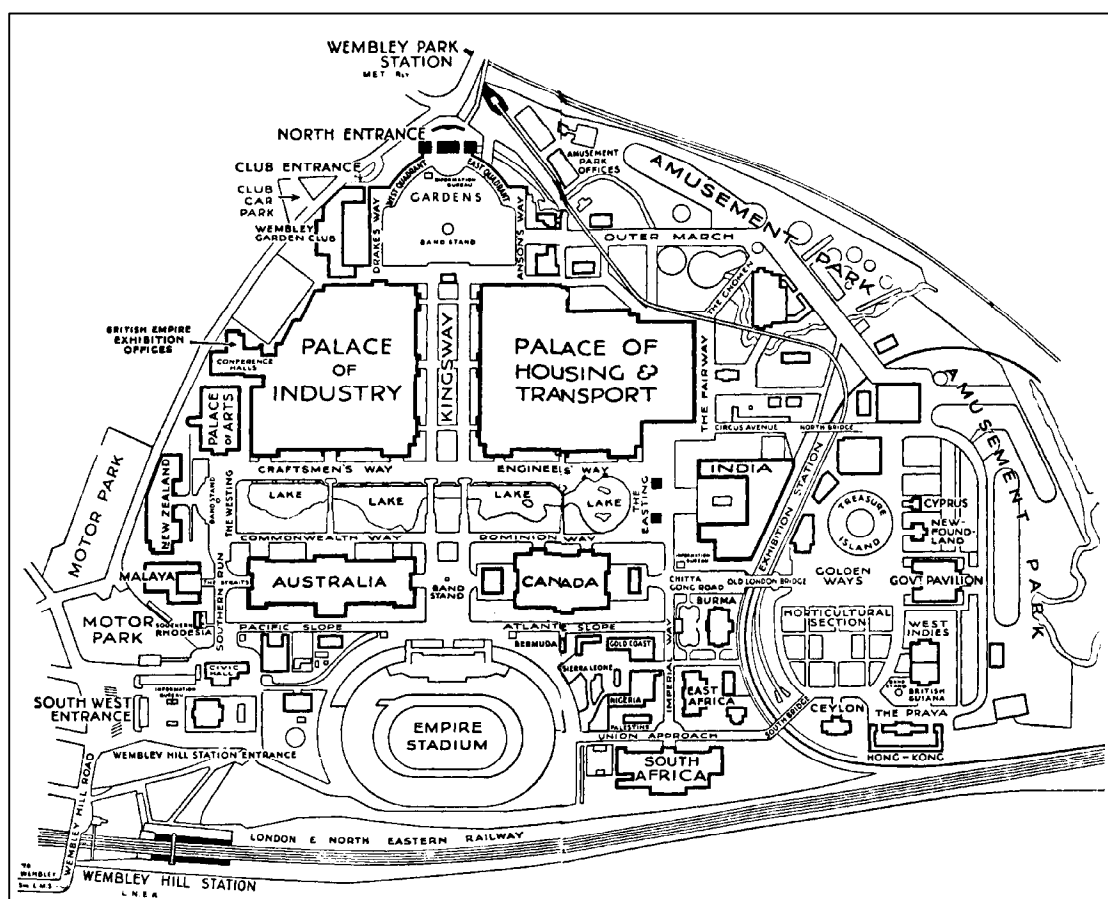


British Empire Exhibition 1924 - 1925.

Way back in the 1880s, the 'Wembley Park Leisure Grounds' already had sporting facilities as well as walkways, fountains and flowerbeds. At the end of the Great War in 1918, the British Government began planning an Exhibition complex with a National Sports Stadium as its centrepiece. The old Wembley Park Leisure Ground was chosen as the ideal site and work started there in the early 1920's.

The first event held in the 'Empire Stadium' (which later became 'Wembley Stadium') was the famous 'white horse cup final' of 1923, in which Bolton beat West Ham 2-0.

The **British Empire Exhibition** held at Wembley in 1924, and again in 1925, was intended as a celebration of the achievements of Great Britain and the British Empire, on a lavish scale surpassing anything that had gone before, including the Great Exhibition of 1851.

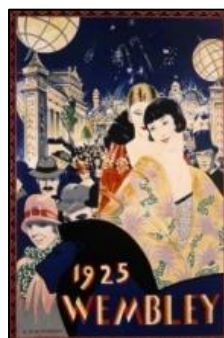


Plan of the Exhibition Grounds - 1925.

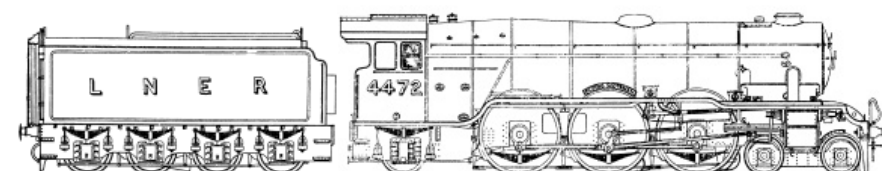
© 'The Lion Roars at Wembley' - D R Knight & A D Sabey.

By all accounts, the British Empire Exhibition was a memorable event, with fountains, lakes, gardens and pavilions in the 'architectural style' of the exhibiting country. The Exhibition was opened by King George V on 23rd April 1924, fittingly, St George's Day.

This Exhibition cover & poster are typical of the period - bright and colourful.



A major exhibit in the 'Palace of Industry' in 1924, representing the 'London & North Eastern Railway', was the now world-famous steam locomotive "*Flying Scotsman*".



4-6-2 Pacific "Flying Scotsman", built at Doncaster Works in 1923.

The first year's Exhibition closed on 1st November 1924, and although it had not been a financial success, the organizers none-the-less decided to re-open the Exhibition in 1925. The opening ceremony took place on 9th May 1925, again performed by King George V.

The 1924 Exhibition attracted 17,403,267 visitors, whereas the 1925 Exhibition, having closed on 31st October 1925, only attracted 9,669,231. Officially the Exhibition is regarded as having been successful, but in financial terms, the loss of over £1,500,000 had to be funded mainly by the British Government.

Picture postcards abound with snapshots of the Exhibition grounds and pavilions, as well as a multitude of special postmarks advertising or commemorating the event.



BRITISH EMPIRE
VISIT THE  ULSTER
EXHIBITION 1924 PAVILION



Frederick Charles Herrick (1887-1970) designed the iconic Wembley Lion, which was used as the 'logo' for the exhibition, as can be seen in the commemoration bowl shown to the left and the special exhibition cancel shown above. I can even see echoes of the Wembley Lion in the first British Railways logo introduced in 1948, almost 25 years later!



The Issued Stamps

A set of two stamps was produced for each of the two years of the Exhibition, which initially could only be purchased from the Exhibition itself. These restrictions were later relaxed on the **1st July 1924** in that copies could be applied for by post, available from the London Chief Office.

Both the 1924 and 1925 1d and 1½d values was also available from stamp vending machines at the Exhibition, using coils of 1,200 stamps made up from sheets, joined every 10th stamp. A change from line perforation (small holes) to comb perforation (larger holes) was necessary to allow the stamps to be dispensed from the machines, although some coils with line perforation were made and sold.

The 1924 BEX issue has the distinction of being the **first Commemorative Stamps to be released in Great Britain**. New South Wales (Australia) was the first in the world, with their '100 years' Commemoration set in 1888.

----- 1924 -----



----- 1925 -----



Designed by **Harold Nelson** (1871-1948)*.

Recess-printed by Waterlow & Sons Ltd in sheets containing 120 stamps, arranged in two panes of 60, each of 10 rows of 6 stamps.

Stamps dated **1924** were issued 23rd April 1924,
and those dated **1925** on 9th May 1925.

- * **Harold Edward Hughes Nelson**, SGA, was born in Dorchester on 22nd May 1871. He was a Commercial Artist and Book Illustrator, a Designer of Bookplates, Advertisements and Postage Stamps (BEX, and PUC - although his design for the KGV Silver Jubilee issue was rejected), an Etcher & Engraver on Copper, and Secretary of The Art Workers' Guild. He died in London on 25th February 1948.

What could have been!

The brief for the design of the stamps was that they had to:

1. Be symbolic of the British Empire.
2. Include either a circular or oval space for the King's portrait.
3. Bear the inscription 'British Empire Exhibition 1924'.

Essays were submitted by five of the eight invited artists - **Harold Nelson**, Eric Gill, Noel Rooke, John Dixon Batten, and Ernest William Tristram. Below are three essays by Harold Nelson, and one from Eric Gill courtesy of *The British Postal Museum & Archive*.

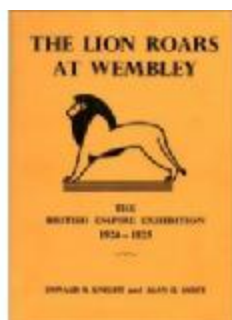


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A committee, in consultation with the printers Waterlow and Sons Ltd, decided that the **British Lion** design by Harold Nelson would be used for the 1d value. For the 1½d, the design by Eric Gill was chosen (shown to the right), which featured 'a spanner and hammer', a 'sheaf of corn', and a 'telegraph pole'. Fortunately, King George V, himself a keen philatelist, chose the Nelson design for **both** values, to be printed in their respective definitive colours.



Worthy of note is that the superb **£1** design in black by Harold Nelson, featuring '*St George and the Dragon*', was not lost to philately. **Harold Nelson** clearly had his earlier design in mind when he produced the design for the **£1** commemorative stamp for the Postal Union Conference held in London five years later.



I guess that without Harold Nelson and his British Lion design we wouldn't have been able to say:

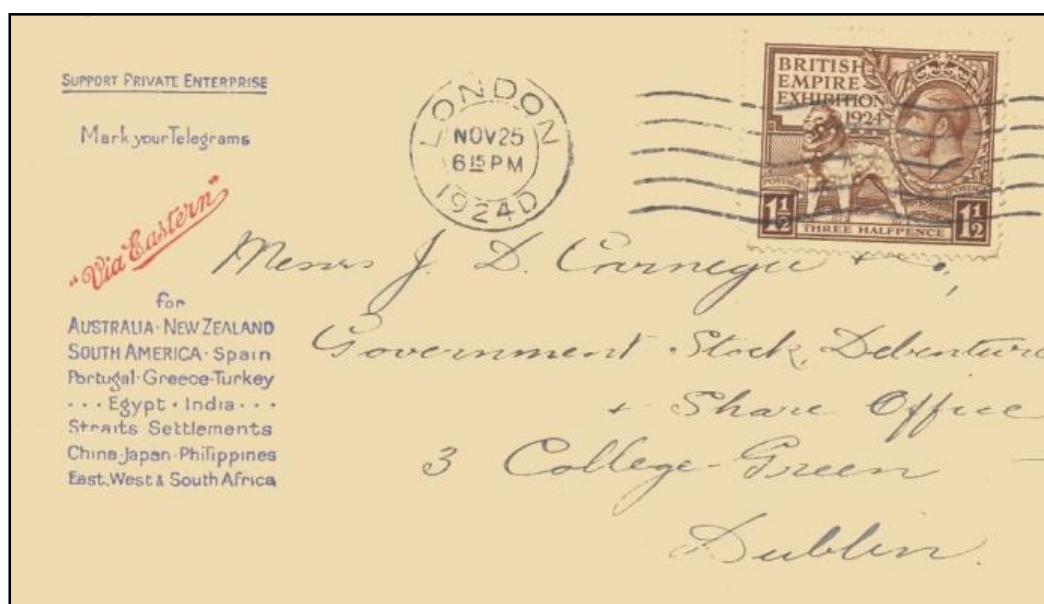
'The Lion Roars at Wembley'!

The Perfins

John Nelson, in his '*Catalogue of Perfins, 1924-1925, British Empire Exhibition Stamps*' of 1993, and subsequent updates in the Perfin Society Bulletin, lists **71** different Perfin dies on **116** different stamps. In his survey of the issue with Perfins, John pointed out a marked split between the two years - **106** DDF (**72** DD) on the 1924 issue, but only **15** DDF (**9** DD) on the 1925 issue. However, for each of the issues, the more common stamp is the 1½d denomination. These figures have now increased to **79** DD, and **125** DDF, split as shown in the table below.

	DD	1d	1½d	DDF
1924	76	45	65	110
1925	9	6	9	15
O/All	79	51	74	125

Just **6** dies are known on both 1924 and 1925 issues, only one of which "W&S" (W6680.07v) has been found on all four stamps.



Identified cover dated 25th November, 1924.

Perfin is "ETC" (E4700.05) used by **The Eastern Telegraph Co Ltd**.
(Courtesy of the late Terry Wood).

There follows a small selection of 1924/1925 Empire Exhibition stamps from the "Skinner-Gault Permanent Collection of G B Perfins" to give a flavour of what's available.

1924 Exhibition

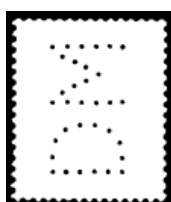
“GSM/L^d” (G4740.01) **George Spencer, Moulton & Co Ltd**, Engineers & Rubber Mfrs,
3 Central Buildings, Westminster, London SW1.
Exhibitors in 1924 (Palace of Industry section),
and in 1925 (Palace of Housing & Transport).



1½d example showing small stamp perforation holes.

Initially the stamps were perforated using a line machine with very small holes. This was later replaced with a comb machine with larger holes, a pre-requisite for the production of the coils. Not surprisingly, no 1d values from coils have been reported with a Perfin.

“DM” (D3110.03) **The Daily Mail Newspaper** (Associated Newspapers Ltd).



“EFS/S” (E1620.01M) **Edwin Field & Sons Ltd**, Rug Manufacturers,
Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, Yorkshire.
No apparent connection with the Exhibition.



“RL/&S” (R3340.01M) **Richard Lloyd & Sons**, Tobacco Manufacturers,
83 Clerkenwell Rd, London EC1.
Exhibitors in 1924, Palace of Industry section.



Small stamp perforation holes.

Larger holes.

Evidence for a multiheaded die can be seen in the above two examples.

1925 Exhibition

“ABC” (A0530.05v) **Aerated Bread Co Ltd**, Bakers and Refreshment Contractors,
17-21 Camden Rd, London NW1. They were the caterers at
various locations on the Exhibition site in 1925.

Perfin known only on the 1925 issue.



“W&S” (W6680.14) **Waterlow & Sons Ltd**, Printers & Stationers,
26 Great Winchester St, and London Wall, London EC2.
Exhibitors in both 1924 and 1925, Palace of Industry section.

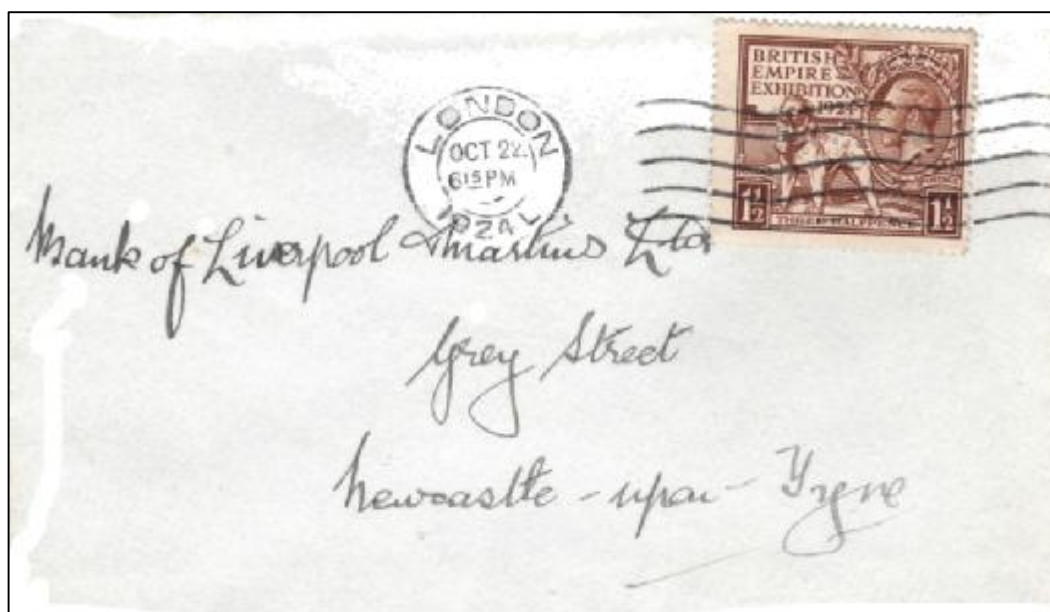


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Picture Gallery

The following four covers bearing 'British Empire Exhibition' stamps with Perfins come from the collection of *David Ogden*.

"W&S" (W6680.07v), used by *Waterlow & Sons Ltd*, London EC2.
Both covers have the standard Trade Mark Logo on the envelope flap.



Cover postmarked LONDON, 22nd October 1924.



Cover postmarked LONDON, 22nd May 1925.

“DM” (D3110.03), used by The **D**aily **M**ail Newspaper, part of Associated Newspapers Ltd. The identity is printed on the back of the envelope.



Cover postmarked LONDON, 5th May 1924.

In the survey conducted by John Nelson and published in his 1993 work '*Catalogue of Perfins, 1924-1925, British Empire Exhibition Stamps*', this Perfin was the *second* most prolific Perfin with 33 examples from a total of 412 stamps reported (8.0%). The *most prolific* was "W&S" (W6680.07v) with 36 examples (8.7%).

If the survey were to be undertaken today, experience tells us that the same Perfin dies would occupy the same top spots - "W&S (W6680.07v), "DM" (D3110.03), W&S" (W6680.14), "J/TS" (J7900.01M), "ETC" (E4700.05), etc. However, there were twelve dies for which only one example was reported. With the passing of more than a quarter of a century, some of these will now be known on other examples, but their 'unique' status is likely to have been replaced by newly reported dies such as the 1d 1924 stamp with the "Diamond and Dots" design (Des0570.01) reported by David Ogden as recently as *18th March 2020* - the catalyst for this update!

“TWW” (T5220.02), used **Thomas W Ward Ltd**, Albion Works, Savile St, Sheffield. The company cachet is printed on the back of the envelope.

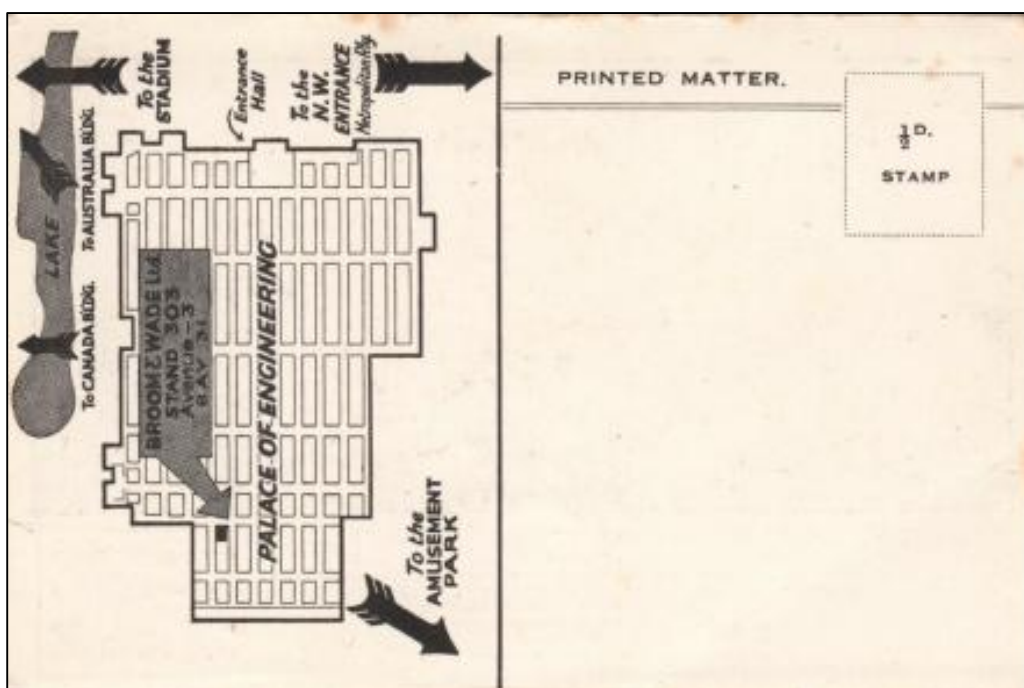
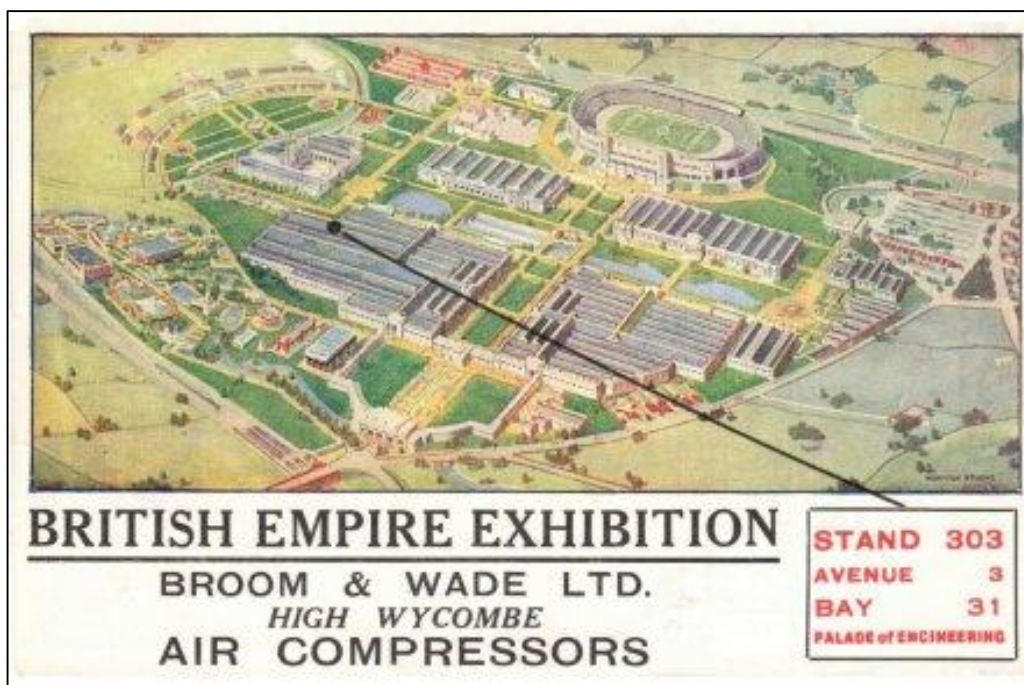


Cover with a Krag postmark - SHEFFIELD, 30th June 1924.

Worthy of note is the 30th June 1924 date, and local use in Sheffield. The commemorative stamps could only be ordered by post from 1st July 1924, so supplies must have been obtained in person at the exhibition and taken back to their offices in Sheffield for Initialling and subsequent use.

If you have a cover with a British Empire Exhibition stamp perforated with the initials of a firm, why not send in a scan to be included in this 'Gallery'.

And finally, these non-perfined items are also from the collection of *David Ogden*. This first one is an unused Trade Card produced by *Broom & Wade Ltd*, Air Compressor Manufacturers, High Wycombe, who were exhibitors at the 1924 exhibition. Examples of their Perfin, "B&W" (B7580.02v), are known used on both denominations of the 1924 issue.



This next Post Card, printed by Raphael Tuck & Sons Ltd, is wonderfully evocative of the age and shows what Bryant & May's 'exhibition stand' looked like at the 1925 Exhibition. The back reads ...

Bryant & May, the famous Match Manufacturers, exhibit their goods and many interesting ancient methods of producing fire in a very pretty Tudor Cottage in the Chemical Section of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley.



There are other Post Cards that exist from exhibitors such as *Oetzmann & Co Ltd*, and *Huntley & Palmers Ltd*, both of whom are mentioned in the '*Postcards of the British Empire Exhibition - Wembley - 1924 & 1925*'. The Oetzmann illustration is from the back of a series of their cards, and the Huntley & Palmers card shows the front of one of a series of four. Wonderful!



Known G.B. Perfin dies found on the BEX 1924 & 1925 Issues.

In comparison, the rest is boring, but it's an essential 'tick list'!

	PS Cat No	Letters	Die in use	User known	1924		1925	
1	A0530.05v	ABC	1922-1930	Yes			1d	1½d
2	A1140.01M	ACF/&C ^o	1920-1939	Yes - Ø	1d	1½d		
3	A4217.01	AN/IK	1924-1925	---		1½d		
4	B0570.04aM	BB/CF	1914-1939	Yes - Ø		1½d		
5	B1150.02	B.C.	1911-1952	Yes	1d	1½d		
6	B2340.03	BE/A	1920-1939	Yes		1½d		
7	B2500.01M	BE/RP	1912-1940	Yes - Ø	1d	1½d		
8	B4930.01b	B&M/L ^{ld}	1890-1939	Yes	1d	1½d		
9	B6170.02M	BR/C	1920-1969	---		1½d		
10	B6440.03	B/S	1920-1939	Yes		1½d		
11	B6850.01	BS&S	1895-1930	Yes	1d	1½d		
12	B7360.02a	BUTT	1905-1930	Yes		1½d		
13	B7580.02v	B&W	1910-1924	Yes	1d	1½d		
14	C0470.04a	C.B	1923-1926	Yes	1d	1½d		
15	C0550.05	CBC	c1924	Yes - Ø		1½d		
16	C1800.03	CCW	1919-1940	Yes		1½d		
17	C4900.01	CM/C ^o .	1895-1924	Yes	1d	1½d		
18	D3110.03	DM	1920-1939	Yes	1d	1½d		
19	D4370.01M	D.S.	1880-1932	Yes	1d	1½d		
20	E1620.01M	EFS/S	1904-1948	Yes	1d	1½d		1½d
21	E4660.03	ET	1905-1946	Yes		1½d		
22	E4700.05	ETC	1917-1930	Yes		1½d		
23	F1590.01M	F.G	1905-1960	Yes	1d	1½d		
24	F3180.01	F.P.	1895-1937	Yes		1½d		
25	G0220.01	GAS/L	1900-1936	Yes		1½d		
26	G3130.01M	GL/C ^o	1903-1930	Yes		1½d		
27	G4585.01	GS/&C ^o .	1893-1930	Yes		1½d		
28	G4740.01	GSM/L ^d	1924-1930	Yes	1d	1½d		
29	G5470.02M	G.W/C ^o .	1908-1945	Yes	1d	1½d		
30	H0510.01	H.B/C ^o	1895-1939	Yes		1½d		
31	H1680.03	HCS	1903-1939	Yes	1d	1½d		
32	H4030.01	HJF/&C ^o	1895-1945	Yes	1d			
33	H5170.02	HM/&S	1920-1926	Yes		1½d		
34	H5690.02M	H&P	1883-1969	Yes	1d	1½d		
35	H7770.01M	HW/L ^d	1909-1932	Yes	1d	1½d		
36	I1928.01	IOM	1908-1937	Yes - Ø	1d		1d	1½d
37	J0008.05	J	1912-1941	Yes	1d			
38	J2270.03M	JDW/M	1920-1975	Yes	1d	1½d		
39	J6980.03M	J.S/&C ^o	1905-1930	Yes	1d	1½d		
40	J7900.01M	J/TS	1920-1941	Yes	1d	1½d		
41	J8280.01	J.W	1890-1954	Yes		1½d	1d	1½d
42	L0680.02	LB/&S	1915-1940	Yes	1d	1½d		

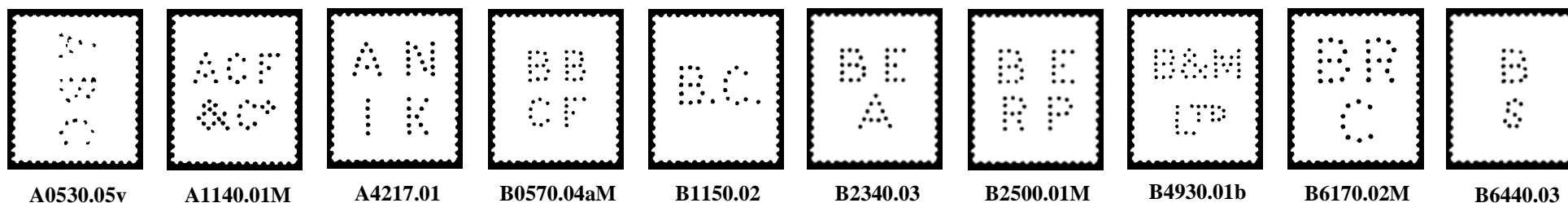
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43	L3810.05v	LM	1920-1924	---	1d			
44	M0280.02M	MAZA	1924-1939	Yes	1d	1½d		
45	M4130.01M	M.N.	1920-1945	Yes	1d	1½d		
46	M4560.01	M&P/P	1909-1924	Yes	1d	1½d		
47	M6020.02M	MW/C ^o	1924-1939	Yes	1d	1½d		
48	N0210.02v	NB	c1924	---	1d			
49	N3370.04v	NUI	1913-1928	Yes - Ø		1½d		
50	O0480.01	O&C ^o (Diag)	1921-1928	Yes		1½d		1½d
51	P0410.06	PB	1920-1941	Yes	1d			
52	P0710.01v	PBL	1907-1945	Yes	1d	1½d		
53	P2800.01v	P.K/L.	1898-1924	Yes		1½d		
54	P4960.02v	PVS	1906-1940	Yes		1½d		
55	R0016.01	R	c1925	---			1d	1½d
56	R3340.01M	RL/&S	1905-1969	Yes	1d	1½d		
57	R5180.01v	RTA	1912-1924	---	1d			
58	R5680.03v	R&W	1920-1924	---		1½d		
59	S0100.03	S&A	1924-1939	Yes	1d	1½d		
60	S0820.04	S&B/L ^d	1922-1925	Yes	1d	1½d		
61	S4320.03M	S.L	1920-1940	Yes		1½d		
62	S5090.04M	SM/L	1908-1939	Yes		1½d		1½d
63	S6000.01M	S.P/L	1888-1939	Yes		1½d		
64	S8360.01m	SX (mono)	1890-1930	Yes	1d			
65	T1010.07v	T&C ^o	1920-1930	---	1d			
66	T3600.01	TP/L ^d	1924-1939	Yes		1½d		
67	T3600.02	TP/L ^d	1912-1924	Yes	1d	1½d		
68	T3600.02a	TP/L ^d	1912-1924	Yes	1d	1½d		
69	T4520.02	TT/C ^o L ^d	1910-1939	Yes		1½d		
70	T5220.02	TWW	1895-1945	Yes		1½d		
71	W0150.01	WAH	1905-1930	Yes		1½d		
72	W0690.01	W.B./M.	1912-1939	Yes - Ø	1d			
73	W1340.06a	W/&C ^o	1920-1925	Yes - Ø	1d	1½d		
74	W3420.01	W.H	1924-1952	---		1½d		
75	W5430.02v	WMS	1920-1939	---		1½d		
76	W6680.07v	W&S (S=9)	1920-1925	Yes	1d	1½d	1d	1½d
77	W6680.14	W&S (W=15)	1925-1935	Yes			1d	1½d
78	W6680.24v	W&S (S=10)	c1924	---	1d	1½d		
79	Des0570.01	Diamond Dots	1903-1941	Yes	1d			
				TOTALS	45	65	6	9

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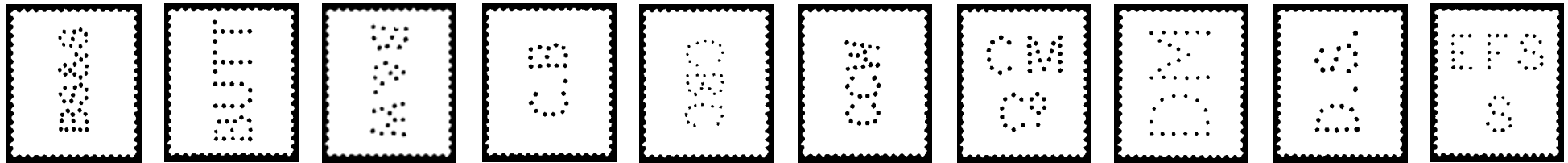
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A0530.05v	ABC	1922-1930	Aerated Bread Co Ltd , 53 New Broad St, London EC2. Also 17-21 Camden Rd, London NW1. Part of the 'All British Confectionery Syndicate Ltd'.	Caterers 1925			1d	1½d
A1140.01M	ACF/°	1920-1939	Ø A C Fincken & Co , Import Merchants, Euston Rd, London NW1.		1d	1½d		
A4217.01	AN/IK	1924-1925	User unknown - No legible postmarks.			1½d		
B0570.04aM	BB/CF	1914-1939	Ø Burgoyne, Burbidges & Co , Manufacturing Chemists, 16 Coleman St, London EC.	Exhibitor 1924		1½d		
B1150.02	B.C.	1911-1952	Borough of Beverley , Beverley, Yorks. Sloper m/c N ^{os} . 61703-61716, 14 off No.5 Initial Machines (each with a single headed die),		1d	1½d		
B2340.03	BE/A	1920-1939	The British Engineers' Association , 32 Victoria St, London SW1.	Exhibitor 1924		1½d		
B2500.01M	BE/RP	1912-1940	Ø Banco Español del Río de la Plata - London Branch, 7 Fenchurch St, London EC3.		1d	1½d		
B4930.01b	B&M/L ^{id}	1890-1939	Bryant & May Ltd , Match Mfrs, H/O Fairfield Works, Bow, London E.	Exhibitor 1924 & 1925	1d	1½d		
B6170.02M	BR/C	1920-1969	User unknown - Manchester postmarks.			1½d		
B6440.03	B/S	1920-1939	Boardmans , Department Store, Stratford, London E15.			1½d		

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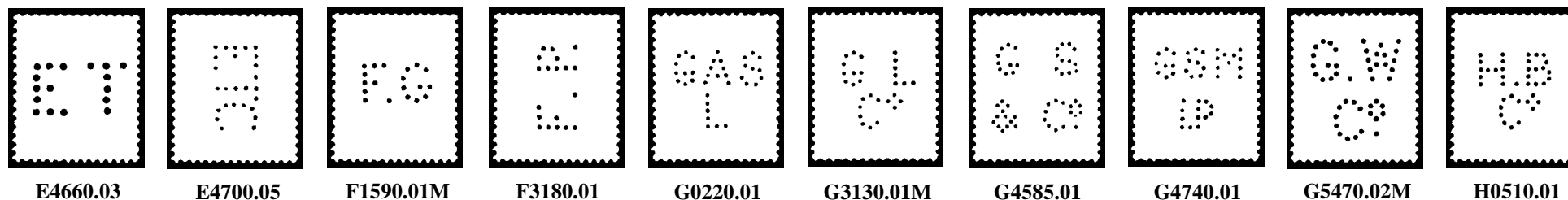
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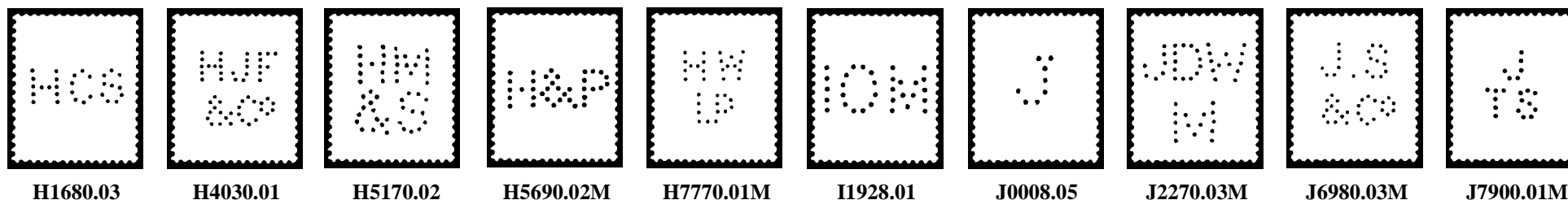
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B7360.02a	BUTT	1905-1930	John Eede Butt & Sons , Timber & Slate Merchants, Littlehampton, and Brighton, Sussex.			1½d		
B7580.02v	B&W	1910-1924	Broom & Wade Ltd , Air Compressor Engineers, Lindsay Ave, High Wycombe.	Exhibitor 1924	1d	1½d		
C0470.04a	C.B	1923-1926	Colonial Bank , 16 Bishopsgate St, London EC. {Ceased 1926, taken over by Barclays Bank}.	Exhibitor 1924 & 1925	1d	1½d		
C0550.05	CBC	c1924	Ø Chesterfield BC .			1½d		
C1800.03	CCW	1919-1940	C C Wakefield & Co Ltd , Lubricating Oil Mfrs, Wakefield House, Cheapside, London EC.	Exhibitor 1924		1½d		
C4900.01	CM/C°.	1895-1924	Cardiff & Channel Mills Ltd , Cardiff. {Registered in 1903, Voluntary Liquidation 31 st January 1927}.		1d	1½d		
D3110.03	DM	1920-1939	The Daily Mail , Associated Newspapers Ltd, Carmelite House, London EC4.		1d	1½d		
D4370.01M	D.S.	1880-1932	William Dawson & Sons Ltd , Wholesale & Export Booksellers and Newsagents, 121 Cannon St, and Fetter Lane, London EC. Also Low's Export Dept, London.		1d	1½d		
E1620.01M	EFS/S	1904-1948	Edwin Field & Sons Ltd , Rug & Mat Mfrs, Tentercroft Mills, Skelmanthorpe, Nr Huddersfield, Yorks.		1d	1½d		1½d

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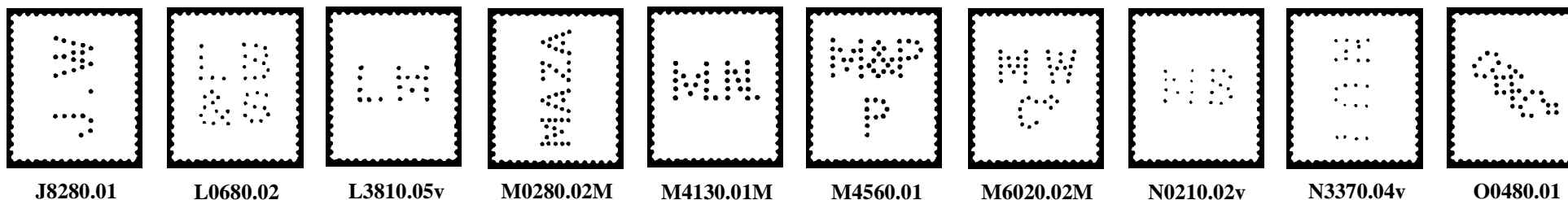
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E4700.05	ETC	1917-1930	The Eastern Telegraph Co Ltd , Electra House, Moorgate, London EC2.	Exhibitor 1924		1½d		
F1590.01M	F.G	1905-1960	Frederick Gorrings Ltd , Silk Mercers, Outfitters, Milliners & Furriers, 49-59, and 69-75 Buckingham Palace Rd, London SW1.		1d	1½d		
F3180.01	F.P.	1895-1937	Frederick Penberthy , Glove Maker, 390 & 392 Oxford St, London W.			1½d		
G0220.01	GAS/L	1900-1936	Gerrish Ames & Simpkins Ltd , Wholesale Clothiers, 63, 65 and 76 Carter Lane, London EC.			1½d		
G3130.01M	GL/C°	1903-1930	Gas Lighting Improvement Co Ltd , Oil Merchants, and Petroleum Products Mfrs, 427-438 Salisbury House, London EC2. Also London EC, and London WC1.	Exhibitor 1924		1½d		
G4585.01	GS/&C°.	1893-1930	George Salter & Co , Weighing Machine Mfrs, West Bromwich.	Exhibitor 1924		1½d		
G4740.01	GSM/L ^d	1924-1930	George Spencer, Moulton & Co Ltd , Engineers & Rubber Mfrs, 2 Central Buildings, Westminster, London SW1.	Exhibitor 1924 & 1925	1d	1½d		
G5470.02M	G.W/C°.	1908-1945	The Globe-Wernicke Co Ltd , Office & Library Furnishers, 44 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1. Also London EC, and London SW1.		1d	1½d		
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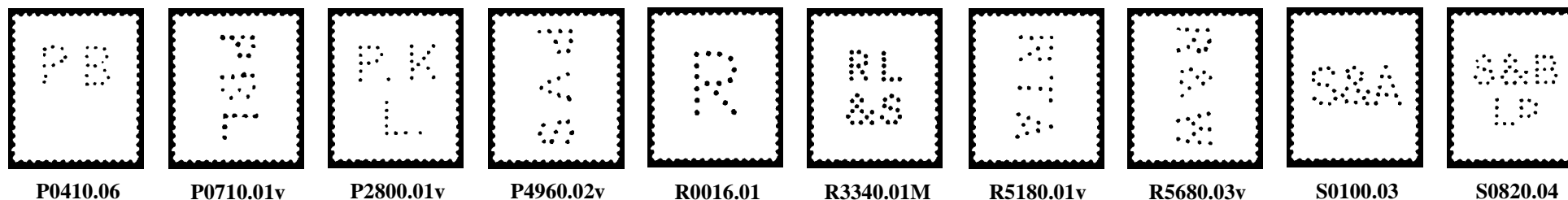
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H4030.01	HJF/&C ^o	1895-1945	H J Fletcher & Co , Music Stool, Piano Action & Player Fittings Mfrs, Bridge Works, New North Rd, London N1. {Established 1876}.	Exhibitor 1924	1d			
H5170.02	HM/&S	1920-1926	Henry Milward & Sons Ltd , Needle & Fish Hook Mfrs, Washford Mills, Redditch.			1½d		
H5690.02M	H&P	1883-1969	Huntley & Palmers Ltd , Wholesale Biscuit & Cake Mfrs, 46 Market Place, Reading. Also 162 Fenchurch St, London EC.	Exhibitor 1924	1d	1½d		
H7770.01M	HW/L ^d	1909-1932	H Williamson Ltd , Wholesale Jewellers, Watch & Clock Mfrs, and Silver Goods Mfrs, 78-81 Farringdon Rd, London EC.		1d	1½d		
I1928.01	IOM	1908-1937	Ø Institute of Metals , Caxton House, Tothill St, Westminster, London SW1.		1d		1d	1½d
J0008.05	J	1912-1941	The Jaeger Co Ltd , Wool Wear, Sports Fashions, H/O Regent St, London W1.	Exhibitor 1924 & 1925	1d			
J2270.03M	JDW/M	1920-1975	J D Williams & Co Ltd , Merchants & Manufacturers, The Dale Street Warehouses, Manchester 1. {Est 1875}.		1d	1½d		
J6980.03M	J.S/&C ^o	1905-1930	James Shoolbread & Co Ltd , Drapers, Tottenham Court Rd, London W.		1d	1½d		
J7900.01M	J/TS	1920-1941	Joseph Travers & Sons Ltd , Wholesale Grocers, Wine & Spirit Merchants, 119 Cannon St, London EC. Also 44 Stanley St, and 3 Pall Mall, Liverpool.	Exhibitor 1924	1d	1½d		

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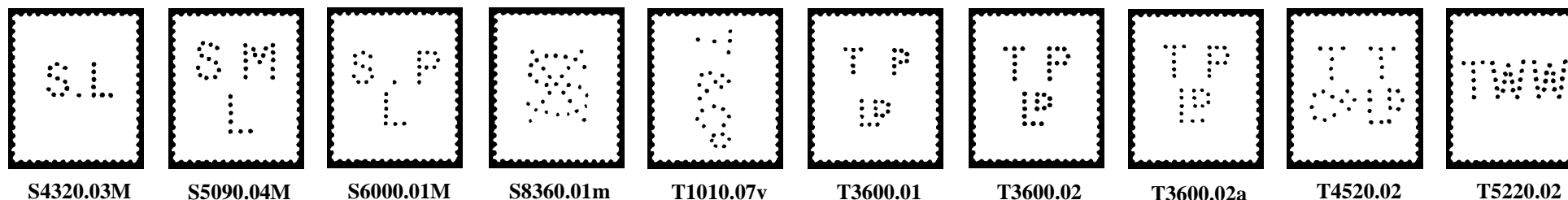
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L0680.02	LB/&S	1915-1940	Lewis Berger & Sons Ltd. , Paint Mfrs, Morning Lane, Homerton, London E9.		1d	1½d		
L3810.05v	LM	1920-1924	User unknown - No legible postmarks.		1d			
M0280.02M	MAZA	1924-1939	Mazawattee Tea Co Ltd. , Tower Hill, London EC3.	Exhibitor 1924	1d	1½d		
M4130.01M	M.N.	1920-1945	Michael Nairn & Co Ltd. , Linoleum Mfrs, 113 Centre St, Glasgow C5. Works: Kirkcaldy, Fife.	Exhibitor 1924	1d	1½d		
M4560.01	M&P/P	1909-1924	Mather & Platt Ltd. , Mechanical, Electrical & Hydraulic Engineers, Park Works, Manchester.	Exhibitor 1924	1d	1½d		
M6020.02M	MW/C°	1924-1939	Matthews, Wrightson & Co Ltd. , Ship Insurance Brokers, 52-54 Leadenhall St, London EC3.		1d	1½d		
N0210.02v	NB	c1924	User unknown - London postmarks.		1d			
N3370.04v	NUI	1913-1928	Ø National Union for Insurance , Islington, London N1.			1½d		
O0480.01	O&C° (Diag)	1921-1928	Oetzmann & Co Ltd. , House Furnishers, 67-79 Hampstead Rd, London NW1.	Exhibitor 1924 & 1925		1½d		1½d

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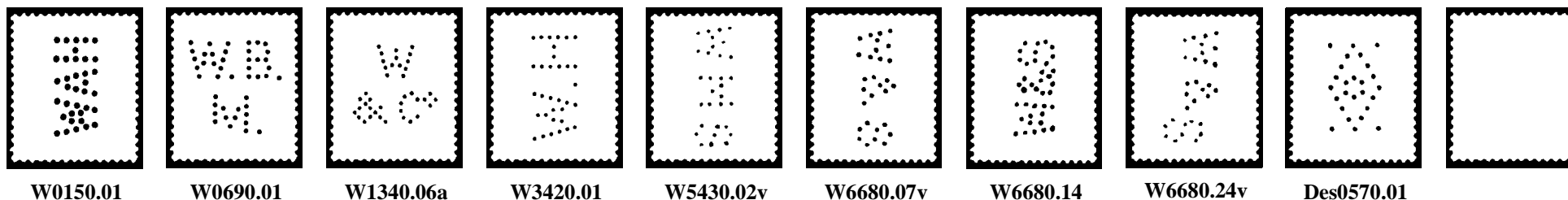
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P0710.01v	PBL	1907-1945	Pilkington Brothers Ltd, Glass Mfrs, St Helens, Lancs. Also: Shepherdess Walk, London N1; Horse Shoe Wharf, 10 Upper Thames St, London EC4; and Talbot St, Nottingham.	Exhibitor 1924 & 1925	1d	1½d		
P2800.01v	P.K/L.	1898-1924	Peter Keevil & Sons Ltd, Margarine Manufacturers, 370 Edgware Road, London W2.			1½d		
P4960.02v	PVS	1906-1940	The Patent Victoria Stone Co Ltd, 11-13 Bishopsgate, London EC2. Quarry situated at Groby, near Leicester.			1½d		
R0016.01	R	c1925	User unknown - No legible postmarks.				1d	1½d
R3340.01M	RL/&S	1905-1969	Richard Lloyd & Sons, Tobacco Manufacturers, Clerkenwell Rd, London EC1.	Exhibitor 1924	1d	1½d		
R5180.01v	RTA	1912-1924	User unknown - London postmarks.		1d			
R5680.03v	R&W	1920-1924	User unknown - No legible postmarks.			1½d		
S0100.03	S&A	1924-1939	The Smithfield & Argentine Meat Co Ltd, 58 West Smithfield, London EC1.		1d	1½d		
S0820.04	S&B/L ^d	1922-1925	Probably used by Spillers & Bakers Ltd, Flour Millers, or one of their subsidiaries such as Spillers Victoria Foods Ltd, Spillers Grain Co Ltd, UVECO Cereals	Exhibitor 1924	1d	1½d		

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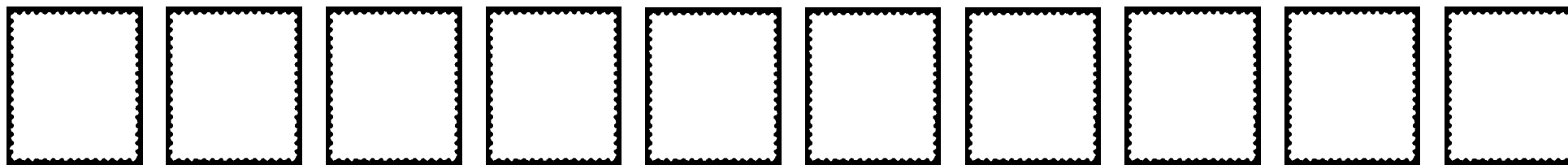
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S5090.04M	SM/L	1908-1939	S Mordan & Co Ltd , Manufacturers of Gold & Silver Pencils, Perforating & Embossing Presses, etc., 41 City Rd, London EC1. {Est 1815, Ltd 1908}.	Exhibitor 1924 & 1925		1½d		1½d
S6000.01M	S.P/L	1888-1939	Spratt's Patent Ltd , Manufacturers of Biscuits, Food & Appliances for Dogs, 24/25 Fenchurch St, London EC3.	Exhibitor 1924		1½d		
S8360.01m	SX (mono)	1890-1930	Essex & Co , Wallpaper Printers, 114 & 116 Victoria St, Westminster, London SW.		1d			
T1010.07v	T&C ^o	1920-1930	User unknown - No legible postmarks.		1d			
T3600.01	TP/L ^d	1924-1939	Temple Press Ltd , Publishers & Printers, 7-15 Rosebery Ave, London EC1.	Exhibitor 1924		1½d		
T3600.02	TP/L ^d	1912-1924	Temple Press Ltd , Publishers & Printers, 7-15 Rosebery Ave, London EC1.	Exhibitor 1924	1d	1½d		
T3600.02a	TP/L ^d	1912-1924	Temple Press Ltd , Publishers & Printers, 7-15 Rosebery Ave, London EC1.	Exhibitor 1924	1d	1½d		
T4520.02	TT/C°L ^d	1910-1939	Thomas Tapling & Co Ltd , Carpet, Glass & Furniture Warehousemen, 31-45 Gresham St, 108-110 Wood St, and 55-67 Leonard St, London EC. Also Newcastle-upon-Tyne.			1½d		
T5220.02	TWW	1895-1945	Thomas W Ward Ltd , Albion Works, Savile St, Sheffield.	Exhibitor 1924 & 1925		1½d		

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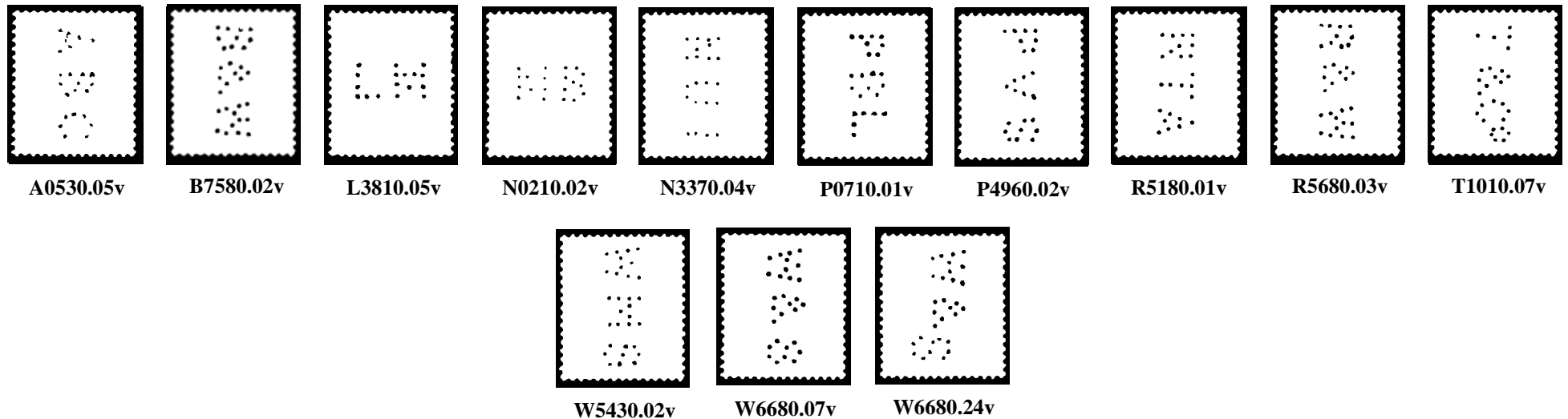
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W0690.01	W.B./M.	1912-1939	Ø Whitehead Bros Ltd, Tea Merchants, 18-20 Fennel St, Manchester.		1d			
W1340.06a	W/&C°	1920-1925	Ø Wigglesworth & Co, Hemp, Flax, and Jute Merchants, 157 Fenchurch St, London EC.		1d	1½d		
W3420.01	W.H	1924-1952	User unknown - No legible postmarks.			1½d		
W5430.02v	WMS	1920-1939	User unknown - London postmarks.			1½d		
W6680.07v	W&S (S=9)	1920-1925	Waterlow & Sons Ltd, Printers & Stationers, 26 Great Winchester St, and 85/86 London Wall, London EC2.	Exhibitor 1924 & 1925	1d	1½d	1d	1½d
W6680.14	W&S (W=15)	1925-1935	Waterlow & Sons Ltd, Printers & Stationers, 26 Great Winchester St, and 85/86 London Wall, London EC2.	Exhibitor 1924 & 1925			1d	1½d
W6680.24v	W&S (S=10)	c1924	User unknown - No legible postmark, but almost certainly Waterlow & Sons Ltd , Printers & Stationers, London EC2.	Exhibitor 1924 & 1925	1d	1½d		
Des0570.01	Diamond Dots	1903-1941	Manifoldia Ltd , Bromford Lane, West Lane, West Bromwich, Staffs. Also The Debecey (Wholesale & Manufacturing) Co Ltd, Head Office, Oldbury, Staffs.		1d			

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Worthy of note is that *thirteen* of the so-called ‘SPG’ Types can be found on the BEX 1924/5 issue. This is the term given to a small group of G.B. Perfins created by clamping together individual single letter dies specifically to process an order for initialled stamps, then broken down ready for re-use to satisfy another order. Although we don’t know for sure, it would appear that there was a *selection* of single letter dies made for *each* letter, each one ‘similar’ to, but not necessarily the same as, another one in the ‘box’ of letters. With each letter chosen at random by the operator when setting up the ‘clamped’ die, it was inevitable that the order for sheets of stamps perforated “PVS” in July 1924 (say), would involve different individual letters to the batch of stamps previously initialled with “PVS” in December 1923 (say). This point is being made in this study because the stamp the silhouette was taken from for use in the ‘Gault Catalogue of G.B. Perfins’ is highly unlikely to have been on the BEX issue, so BEX examples may well vary in the shape of the letter and its placement relative to the other letters. For more information on the SPG’s, please see the section in the *Introduction* to ‘G.B. Stamps known with Perfins’ - ‘Perfin Types’ - ‘SPG’ Types.

Another point to make is that ‘Waterlow & Sons’, themselves exhibitors at the Exhibition and users of W6680.07v/14/24v, are thought to have been responsible for all the ‘SPG’ types, both earlier and later, although by 1924-1925 only the ‘later’ types were being used.

Roy Gault - Burbage, March 2020.